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PROFILE

I am a junior researcher in human geography, eager to apply my knowledge of spatial transformations due to social, environmental and economic processes. I am always ready to challenge myself in new and demanding ways, while engaging myself in various extracurricular activities. Teamwork is a significant part of my professional experiences and I have a notable background in international environments.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Finnish - Proficient
English - Proficient
Swedish - Upper Intermediate
Spanish - Upper Intermediate
German - Elementary

EDUCATION

Lund University 2021 - 2023

- Master of Science, Human Geography;
 - Urban studies and regional studies
 - Geographical Information Systems;
 - Economic geography;
 - Political ecology.
- Faculty of Social Sciences

University of Eastern Finland

2018 - 2021

- Bachelor of Social Science, Geography and Environmental Policy;
 - Minor studies in social policy & multidisciplinary environmental studies
- Faculty of Social Sciences and Business Studies

Erasmus+ exchange 2020

- Lund University, business-, gender- and geography studies

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Turku

PROJECT RESEARCHER

April 2024 - Current

- Project researcher on “ Urban Biodiversity Parks as co-creative platforms for enhancing biodiversity, learning and community involvement in urban ecological regeneration;
- Department of Geography and Geology.

EIT Urban Mobility

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS INTERN

April 2023 - May 2024

- Grant writing and project management for international projects;
- Event planning for mobility events;
- Assisting in research tasks related to innovation and business development in urban mobility;
- Planning citizen engagement activities.
- Communications planning and implementation of regional activities of EIT UM.

Eutropian - Research and Action

August 2022 - January 2023

PROJECT MANAGEMENT INTERN

- Eutropian is a planning, policy and research organisation helping urban regeneration processes;
- Internship focusing on interviewing Austrian energy community representatives;
- Assisting in other tasks related to urban justice, the energy transition and social inclusion.

EuroClio - European Association of History Educators

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT TRAINEE

April 2021 - September 2021

- Contact details of supervisor for qualifications; Alice Modena, alice@euroclio.eu;
- Planning a project for environmental history;
- Editing case studies and the online platform for the Contested Histories Initiative;
- Project management for a project about climate-, gender-, migration-, and difficult history. Drafting monthly news letters and other content.
- Professional development management;
- Organizing online webinars on topics such as decolonizing history.

University of Eastern Finland

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TUTOR

June 2019 - December 2020

- Helping master students and exchange students to settle to their new home town and university life in Finland.

Mehiläinen Oy

DATA ENTRY CLERK

May 2019 - September 2019

- Administrative work in the occupational health sector;
- Main responsibilities: Computer work including confidential customer information regarding occupational health.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Farmot Foundation

August - September 2024

- Summer school on the topic of “Fixing what’s broken” regarding current European challenges;
- My topic was using solidarity economy to tackle spatial injustice.

Greenpeace Czech Republic

September 2023 - Current

- Advocacy work on local concerns of climate change and degradation;

- Organising events for different activities to engage with locals on climate change.

Universität Greifswald

August 2022

- Summer School for Sustainable Futures in the Baltic Sea Region;
- Together in small teams we tackled challenges the BSR is facing;
- Our group had the topic of Demographic Challenges and Inclusive Societies, and we focused on how to make our cities less lonely from a neighbourhood perspective.

Save the Children Sweden

October 2021 - June 2022

- Visiting an asylum centre in Malmö with other volunteers and organizing activities for children of different ages.

VentureLab by Lund University

May 2022

- H22 Ideathon: Sustainable Cities of The Future;
- Working in multidisciplinary teams to come up with solutions to make cities more sustainable and inclusive.

Humanitarian mapping with ABC Sweden

Autumn 2020 - Spring 2022

- Mapping vulnerable places of the world with Open StreetMap

Monika - Women's shelter in Helsinki

January 2021 - June 2021

- Organizing activities for children living at the shelter Helping women with daily tasks, such as going to the bank, supermarket and town hall.

UN Youth of Finland working group

January 2021 - April 2021

- Raising awareness and promoting the values of the UN to the youth of Finland
- Focus on the Agenda2030

English teaching at the Joensuu Red Cross

Department

September 2020 - December 2021

- Teaching English and Finnish to women of immigrant backgrounds and helping with daily tasks

Rural area development programme with European Solidarity Corps

June 2020 - September 2020

- A 2 month experience in Slovenia and helping the surrounding areas with different tasks;
- Building, agricultural work and communal help and learning about sustainability.

Organizing a sustainable development week at the University of Eastern Finland

September 2019 - October 2019

- Planning the events for the Sustainable Development Week;
- Outreach and communication with speakers.

CHAPTER CONTRIBUTIONS AND ARTICLES

- Articles on Austrian Energy communities. Wonderland Architects. Available at <https://wonderland.cx/energy-communities-articles-on-cases/>
- Rotondo, F., et al. (2024). Placemaking in Practice: Engagement in Placemaking: Methods, Strategies, Approaches (2). Chapter 6: Youngsters right to the city. Brill Academic Pub. <https://www.amazon.com/Placemaking-Practice-Engagement-Strategies-Approaches/dp/9004691901>
- Stevens, U. (2023). VIENNA'S WOHNPARTNER: OVERCOMING CONFLICTS IN SOCIAL HOUSING . Article for Cooperative City Magazine, available at <https://cooperativecity.org/2023/01/10/viennas-wohnpartner-overcoming-conflicts-in-social-housing/>
- LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER: THE POSSIBILITIES OF TRANSFERABILITY. (2023). Article for Cooperative City, available at <https://cooperativecity.org/2022/10/23/learning-from-each-other-the-possibilities-of-transferability/>
- NEOOM: APP-BASED SUPPORT FOR ENERGY COMMUNITIES IN AUSTRIA. (2023). Article for Cooperative City, available at <https://cooperativecity.org/2023/03/08/neoom-app-based-support-for-energy-communities-in-austria/>
- CLIMATE ADAPTATION THROUGH PARTICIPATION: URBAN APPROACHES FROM VIENNA. Article for Cooperative City, available at <https://cooperativecity.org/2023/04/14/climate-adaptation-vienna/>
- OVERCOMING ISOLATION: MULTIGENERATIONAL AND MULTICULTURAL CO-HOUSING IN SWEDEN. (2023). Article for Cooperative City, available at <https://cooperativecity.org/2023/07/06/multigenerational-and-multicultural-co-housing-in-sweden/>
- Mitä kaupunkilaislapsi menettää? - luonnon saavutettavuus on yhdenvertaisuuskysymys. (2019). Versus - magazine for geographical research. Available in Finnish at <https://www.versuslehti.fi/gradusta-asiaa/mita-kaupunkilaislapsi-menettaa-luonnon-saavutettavuus-on-yhdenvertaisuuskysymys/>

CERTIFICATIONS

- VASAB - Summer school in Sustainable Futures in the Baltic Sea Region
- Rädda Barnen - Save the Children Sweden - Child safeguard training certificate
- Finnish Somalia Network - Advocacy Training certificate
- Youthpass, European Solidarity Corps for Youth (ESC4Y) certificate